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DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS 1/

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, at its 1279th plenary meeting on 12 December 1963, adopted resolution 1961 (XVIII), on the designation of 1968 as International Year for Human Rights, which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting that the year 1968 will be the twentieth anniversary of the adoption and proclamation by the General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

"Taking into account the fact that, since the adoption of the Declaration a substantial measure of progress has been achieved in giving effect to these human rights and fundamental freedoms,

"Recognizing that in spite of such progress the effective realization of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Declaration remains unsatisfactory in some parts of the world,

"Believing that the cause of human rights will be well served by an increasing awareness of the extent of the progress made,

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1/ The Committee may wish to request the Secretary-General to present the final report to the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-first session, in connexion with item 6 of the Commission's provisional agenda (E/CN.4/879), "International Year for Human Rights".

"Convinced that an appropriate way of celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration is to devote the year 1968 to intensified national and international efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights and also to an international review of the achievements in this field,

"Confident that the designation of the year 1968 as such a year of international review will encourage all Member States and interested organizations to intensify their efforts in the intervening years, so as to show the maximum possible progress by that time,

"1. Designates the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights;

"2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission on Human Rights at its forthcoming sessions, with the assistance of the Secretary-General:

"(a) To prepare, for consideration by the General Assembly, a programme of measures and activities representing a lasting contribution to the cause of human rights, to be undertaken by the United Nations, by Member States and by the specialized agencies during the year 1968, in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in furtherance of the objectives of the present resolution;

"(b) To prepare, for consideration by the General Assembly suggestions for a list of goals in the field of human rights to be achieved by the United Nations not later than the end of 1968;

"(c) To submit the programme of measures and activities and the suggestions for the list of goals in time for their consideration by the General Assembly at its twentieth session;

"3. Invites the specialized agencies to render all assistance to the Commission on Human Rights in the preparation of the programme of measures and activities to be undertaken during the International Year for Human Rights in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration;

"4. Invites all Member States to intensify their domestic efforts in the field of human rights with the assistance of their appropriate organizations, in order that a fuller and more effective realization of these rights and freedoms might be achieved and might be reported at the proposed international review of such achievements in 1968 and thereafter."

2. On 17 December 1963 the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed thirty-sixth session, decided to forward the Assembly's resolution to the Commission on Human Rights.

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3. The Commission considered the item, "Designation of 1968 as International Year for Human Rights", at its 812th meeting on 14 March 1964, and adopted resolution 6 (XX), which reads as follows:

"The Commission on Human Rights,

"Noting General Assembly resolution 1961 (XVIII) designating the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights,

"Sharing the view of the General Assembly that, in spite of the substantial measure of progress which has been achieved in giving effect to human rights and fundamental freedoms since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the effective realization of these rights and freedoms remains unsatisfactory in some parts of the world,

"Bearing in mind the broad objectives of achieving a set of goals in the field of human rights not later than 1968, and the preparation of a programme of measures and activities in the field of human rights to be undertaken by member Governments and the specialized agencies during the year 1968,

"1. Decides that a Committee consisting of thirty-four members appointed from Permanent Delegations shall meet prior to the 1965 session after consultation with the Secretary-General to recommend a programme of measures and activities to be undertaken by Member States, the United Nations and specialized agencies in celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in furtherance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"2. Decides that as part of its terms of reference, the Committee should give special thought to the possibility of holding an International Conference in 1968 to (i) review the progress which has been made in the field of human rights since the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, (ii) evaluate the effectiveness of the methods and techniques used by the United Nations in the field of human rights, and (iii) formulate and prepare a programme of further measures to be taken subsequent to the celebration of Human Rights Year;

"3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to recommend the following draft resolution to the General Assembly for consideration at its nineteenth session:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered chapter VII of the report of the Commission on Human Rights at its twentieth session,

"Recommends the following draft resolution to the General Assembly for consideration at its nineteenth session:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 designating the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights,

"Recognizing the need for effective measures to be taken at both the international and the national levels to encourage the further development of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

"Reaffirming the belief that the cause of human rights will be well served by an increasing awareness of the extent of the progress made, and the conviction that the year 1968 should be devoted to intensified national and international efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights and also to an international review of the achievements in this field,

"Convinced that an intensification of efforts in the intervening years will heighten the progress that can be made by 1968,

"1. Recommends that all Member States be invited to ratify before 1968 the Conventions already concluded in the field of human rights, and in particular the following:

Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery;

ILO Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour;

ILO Convention on Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation;

ILO Convention concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value;

UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education;

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

Convention on the Political Rights of Women;

"2. Decides to hasten the conclusion of the following Draft Conventions so that they may be open for ratification and accession before 1968:

Draft Covenant on civil and political rights;

Draft Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights;

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Draft International Convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination;

Draft International Convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance;

Draft Convention on freedom of information;

"3. Decides to complete by 1968 the consideration and preparation of the following draft declarations:

Draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination in the matter of political rights;

Draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination in relation to women;

Draft declaration on the right of asylum;

Draft declaration on freedom of information."

4. At its 1338th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1964, the Economic and Social Council adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Commission as resolution 1015 E (XXXVII).

5. At its 814th meeting, on 18 March 1964, the Commission decided that invitations to appoint representatives to the Committee should be addressed to all States members of the Commission and to the other co-sponsors of General Assembly resolution 1961 (XVIII). Accordingly, the Committee was composed as follows:

MEMBERS

Afghanistan:	Mr. S.M. Farouk Farhand
Argentina:	Mr. D. Juan C. Beltramino Mr. D. Juan C. Cimenez Melo
Austria:	Mr. Georg Hernig
Brazil:	Mr. Miguel Paranhos do Rio-Branco Mr. Henrique de Araujo Mesquita
Canada:	Miss Marion Adams Macpherson
Chile:	Miss Leonora Kracht

Costa Rica:	Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez Mr. José Luis Redondo
Dahomey:	Mr. Louis Ignacio-Pinto Mr. Michel Emmanuel Koukoui
Denmark:	Mr. Bent Skou
Ecuador:	Mr. Leopoldo Benites
El Salvador:	Mr. Antonio Alvarez Vidaurre Mr. Felipe Vega-Gomez
France:	Mr. Michel Combal
Ghana:	Mr. Alex Quaison-Sackey Mr. Emmanuel Yawo-Agorsor
Guatemala:	Mr. Humberto Vizcaino-Leal
India:	Mr. Narendra Singh Mr. G.M. Singh Mr. Krishan Prasad Saksena
Iraq:	Mr. S.A. Saleem Mr. Burhan M. Nouri
Italy:	Mr. Michelangelo Pisani-Massamormile Mr. Giovanni Scolamiero
Ivory Coast:	Mr. Georges Anoma Mr. Julien Kacou Mr. M.A. Berrah
Jamaica:	Mr. E.R. Richardson Miss Angela E.V. King
Lebanon:	Mr. Souheil Chammas
Liberia:	Mr. Nathan Barnes
Netherlands:	Mr. H.Th. Schaapveld
Nigeria:	Mr. S.O. Adebo Mr. B.C. Odogwu
Philippines:	Mr. Hortencio J. Brillantes Mrs. Leticia R. Shahani

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Poland:	Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner
Saudi Arabia:	Mr. Jamil M. Baroody Mr. Saleh A. Sugair
Trinidad and Tobago:	Mr. Charles Archibald
Turkey:	Mr. Selçuk Tarlan
Uganda:	Mr. Apollo K. Kironde
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic:	Mr. Sergei Shevchenko
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:	Mr. Y.A. Ostrovski Mr. A.V. Grodsky
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:	Mr. J.G. Taylor Miss Sheila Harden
United States of America:	Mr. Frank C. Montero Mr. Franklin H. Williams Mr. A. Edward Elmendorf
Uruguay:	Mr. Carlos M. Velazquez Mr. Mateo Marques-Sere Mr. Pelipe Montero

SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): . . .	Mr. Morris A. Greene
International Labour Organisation (ILO):	Mr. Philippe Blamont Mr. F. Abdel-Rahman
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):	Mr. A. Gagliotti
World Health Organization (WHO): .	Dr. R.L. Coigney Dr. Olivier Leroux Mrs. Vera Kalm

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Category B

Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations:	Mr. Moses Moskowitz
International Commission of Jurists:	Mr. Charles G. Paphael
International Conference of Catholic Charities:	Mr. Louis Longarza
International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services: . . .	Mr. Eugene Heresi
International League for the Rights of Man:	Mr. Sidney Liskofsky
International Social Service: . .	Mr. Michael M. Harris
World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations:	Miss Catherine Schaefer

6. The Committee met at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 9 June, 7, 8, 9 and 10 July, 19, 20, 21 and 22 October 1964; and 9, 16, 17, 18, 19 February 1965.

7. Mr. John P. Humphrey, Director of the Division of Human Rights, and Mr. Edward Lawson, Deputy Director, represented the Secretary-General. Mr. Nazri Rashed represented the Office of Public Information of the United Nations. Mr. Valentin A. Romanov acted as Secretary of the Committee.

Election of officers

8. At its first meeting the Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. E.R. Richardson (Jamaica);

First Vice-Chairman: Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland);

Second Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Leticia R. Shahani (Philippines);

Rapporteur: Mr. Michelangelo Pisani-Massamormile (Italy).

After the ninth meeting of the Committee, Mr. Hortencio J. Brillantes replaced Mrs. Shahani as Second Vice-Chairman.

Agenda

9. At its first meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted the items listed in the provisional agenda (ST/SG/AC.5/1) as its agenda. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organization of the work of the Committee
4. Programme of measures and activities to be undertaken in connection with the International Year for Human Rights
5. Report of the Committee.

Rules of Procedure

10. At the first meeting of the Committee the Chairman suggested that, since the Committee had been established at the request of the Commission on Human Rights, its proceedings should be governed by the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. The representatives of Saudi Arabia and of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics supported the suggestion with the reservation that the Committee should not necessarily follow the rules relating to observers of non-governmental organizations. The Committee decided to adopt the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the reservations made by the Saudi Arabian and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics delegations with regard to their application.

Meetings, resolutions and documentation

11. The Committee held plenary meetings. The views expressed at those meetings are summarized in the records of the first to the meetings (ST/SG/AC.5/SR.1 -).

12. At its third meeting, the Committee heard statements by the representative of the Food and Agricultural Organization (Mr. Groene), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Mr. Gagliotti) and the World

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Health Organization (Dr. Leroux). At its fifth and eighth meetings, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of the International Labour Organization (Messrs. Segovia and Blamont).

13. The resolutions and decisions of the Committee appear below under the appropriate headings. The recommendations of the Committee on the programme o measures and activities to be undertaken in connexion with the International Y for Human Rights are set out in Chapter of the present report.

14. Documents before the Committee are listed in Annex I.